

contingencies to: 1) develop and prepare the program for implementation and 2) Be ready to receive the accreditation review team. Further, this bill would remove statutory references to a partnership with New Mexico Highlands University.

Significant Issues

“CHE notes that “the use of a name of common convenience allows the institution to use the name in all instances except for financial transactions. The use of a common name obviates the need for a Constitutional amendment.”

Northern New Mexico Community College (NNMCC) notes the name change would restore a name previously used in the 1960’s. Also, NNMCC notes the bill restores to the board of regents authority to initiate programs.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The bill does not include an appropriation.

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